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Forwarding of Contact Report.

A contact report concerning the meeting of [] with
GAMMATA 4 (in New York) on 20 November 1951 is forwarded as an attach-
ment to this memorandum.

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Context Report on the Meeting of _____
with GAMBISTA 4 in New York on 20 November 1951

1. On 20 November 1951 the undersigned spoke with GAMBISTA 4 at the latter's request in a conference room in New York City, N. Y. The case officer got down to business by simply asking GAMBISTA 4 what he had been doing since the previous conference in Washington last October. He replied that he had been trying to persuade members of GAMBISTA 1 residing in North America to emigrate and support the participation of the organization in SOHR. GAMBISTA 4 said that he is still not confident of success in this undertaking, since opposition from his co-nationals here has proved greater than he originally expected. (Case Officer Comment): GAMBISTA 4's comment that he is having difficulties within GAMBISTA 1 because of SOHR was perhaps an understatement. According to _____ GAMBISTA 1 is just about to split into two rival factions over the CHACTIVE issue. Many GAMBISTA 1 members allegedly feel that GAMBISTA 2 had no mandate to represent GAMBISTA 1 and they are promoting unfavorable criticism of both GAMBISTA 4 and 2.

2. Without any obvious transition to any new topic of discussion, he went on to say that GAMBISTA 2 is scheduled to arrive in the United States prior to 26 November and would accompany him on his missionary work. GAMBISTA 4 then reiterated his four point critique of SOHR:

(a) threats and coercion should not be used to recruit members, for unless SOHR practices the democratic principles it preaches, its present power tactics will backfire later and result in rather noisy defections;

(b) the scope of what SOHR represents is too limited. It should include representations of all the submerged Iron Curtain countries and not just the nationalities of the Soviet Union;

(c) the present voting mechanism is undemocratic and will remain so until there is a SOHR chamber similar to the United Nations General Assembly where each nation, regardless of size, has an equal vote;

(d) as far as the issue of postwar sovereignty of any non-Russian race of the Soviet Union is concerned, a gentlemen's agreement must be reached and the issue shelved until after the war, otherwise SOHR will not be able to concentrate on overthrowing the present regime.

(Case Officer Comment: GAMBISTA 4 did not specify how this agreement could be reached or how the issue of national independence could stay shelved once SOHR sits down in plenum to decide what, for example, should be broadcast to the non-Russian nationalities of the Soviet Union).

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3. The case officer then went over in detail the Vietnam proposals contained in Page 12 of the report on the October communique. CANDISTA 4 agreed that all the proposals coincided with the mutual interests of CANDISTA 1 and the United States government. He was told by the case officer to coordinate all his actions regarding these Vietnam proposals with CANDISTA 2 and CAGB. In fact, CANDISTA 2 should be in charge of fulfilling the requests for humanitarian publications, clothes, etc.

4. CANDISTA 4 said that CANDISTA 2 would very much to confer in Washington as soon as possible after his arrival. If and when he does arrive in the U.S., it is anticipated that he will provide all possible aid to the United States government. He will provide aid to the United States government, primarily and almost exclusively to assist the United States government. He will be very much to give him a 15-20 V.P. observation. In this way we hope to supplement our incomplete knowledge of such has happened previously in Project AR-304. It will be emphasized to CANDISTA 2 that his main job is the proper and only channel through which he can make official proposals. However CANDISTA 2 has to say will be written up and passed to CAGB.

5. At the end of the communication with CANDISTA 4 the latter mentioned that in order to collect clothing, to write study reports and to fulfill the other requests made by the case officer, CANDISTA 1 will require some money. CANDISTA 4 suggested a direct subsidy of funds, per month, adding that CANDISTA 1 is financially strapped. The subsidy proposal is being given serious consideration at the present time, although no decision has been made to date. He will keep you informed on this matter.

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